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Letter dated 9 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit to you a press release from the Government of Burundi regarding measures undertaken by the Heads of States of the East African Community, in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 6 July 2015 (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Albert **Shingiro**
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Press release of the Government of Burundi
Dar es Salam, 6 July 2015

The Government of Burundi has always appreciated the efforts made by the international community to find solutions to the problems in Burundi. The Government thanks in particular the countries of the subregion which, at the recent Summit of Heads of State of the East African Community, held in Dar es Salam on 6 July 2015, designated Mr. Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda, as the Facilitator in the resumed dialogue between the Burundian political partners. The Government welcomes this designation, and commends President Museveni who, in the past, had served successfully as Chairman of the Regional Initiative for the Burundi Peace Process.

The Government has taken note of the call made by the Heads of State of the East African Community issued at their Summit held in Tanzania to postpone the presidential election to 30 July 2015, to give the Facilitator time to establish the necessary contacts with the political partners with a view to laying the groundwork for their participation in the upcoming elections.

The Government of Burundi has already instructed the relevant technical services to implement the recommendation adopted at the Summit of Heads of State concerning the adjustment of the date of the presidential election, and to do so in full compliance with constitutional requirements, including deadlines which cannot be missed, pursuant to article 103, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, to avoid creating an institutional vacuum and the chaos that would result. The Government is convinced that the Facilitator will be sensitive to this concern.

The Government nonetheless denounces and condemns those who impugn and reject the conclusions of the Dar es Salam Summit, a pretext which they have always used to withdraw from the electoral process. The Government also denounces and condemns the perpetrators of the violent acts currently being committed to disrupt and scuttle the electoral process. These perpetrators are beginning to show up in public and claim responsibility for these attacks and terrorist acts. The Government will do its utmost to prevent them from carrying out these despicable acts, to arrest them and to bring them to justice.

Lastly, the Government calls on the people to remain as calm and as serene as they did during the parliamentary and municipal elections, while preparing to turn out in large numbers for the presidential election, to be held on a date to be announced shortly. The Government promises that security will be tightened.

Bujumbura, 9 July 2015

(*Signed*) Philippe **Nzobonariba**
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